

**DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS HERITAGE (DAH) (AGENCIES #865,#870,#887)  
FISCAL YEAR 2018  
AS ENACTED BY ACT 234 OF 2017**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Department of Arkansas Heritage's (DAH) mission is to identify Arkansas' heritage and enhance the quality of life by the discovery, preservation, and presentation of the state's cultural, historic, and natural resources. The Department of Arkansas Heritage is composed of the following agencies: Old State House Museum, Historic Arkansas Museum, Delta Cultural Center, Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, Arkansas Arts Council, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, and per Acts 2 and 3 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Session of 2016, the Arkansas State Archives (formerly the Arkansas History Commission). In addition to these eight agencies, DAH also provides administrative support to the Natural and Cultural Resources Council (NCRC). The DAH Director is both a member of the NCRC and acts as the NCRC secretary and disbursing officer.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation for FY2018 is \$54,942,674.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

General revenue, special revenue derived from the Conservation Tax and Real Estate Transfer Tax, fund balances, federal funds, cash and non-revenue receipts.

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION - STATE OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 482)**

This appropriation provides for the personal services and operating expenses of the Department's 8 divisions. The appropriation totals \$8,493,829 for FY2018 which is \$273,250 over Base Level and includes the following change:

**Capital Outlay** - increase of \$273,250 to restore previous authorization to acquire various assets such as art and artifacts from museums.

**NATURAL HERITAGE - FEDERAL PROGRAM (APPROPRIATION U49)**

This appropriation uses federal funds to perform the inventory and data management function of the Natural Heritage Commission. The appropriation totals \$2,110,558 for FY2018 and includes the following change:

**Operating Expenses** - increase of \$110,000 (due to a reallocation of \$110,000 from the Land Acquisition line item) to utilize anticipated funds from Federal grants for research and stewardship contracts.

**ARKANSAS ARTS COUNCIL - FEDERAL PROGRAM (APPROPRIATION 486)**

This appropriation provides federal funding from the National Endowment for the Arts to provide art programs and grants and assist Arkansas artists. The appropriation totals \$802,820 for FY2018 and includes the following change:

**Operating Expenses** - increase of \$40,000 each fiscal year (due to a reallocation of \$40,000 from the Grants and Aid line item) to accommodate anticipated expenses.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2017 Authorized Positions: 169)\***

Total Authorized Positions FY2018: 169

Total Base Level Positions: 169

Increase/ (Decrease) from Base Level: 0

Extra Help Positions FY2018: 69 (Base Level Extra Help: 69)

\*24 positions from the Arkansas History Commission were merged into DAH.

#### **IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

**PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS:** Allows DAH to purchase up to \$40,000 of promotional and educational merchandise as authorized by the Director of the Department from Maintenance & General Operation appropriations authorized for the Department.

**NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL (NCRC):** Establishes the Director of DAH as the disbursing officer for NCRC & Main Street Program appropriations. If grants are made to state agencies, from either of these appropriations the language allows DAH to transfer appropriation and funding for use in classifications of expenditures as determined by the conditions of the grant and the state agency.

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